

Marc Taylor
Chief of Police

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Mr. Sinyangwe,

I am writing to respond to your public records request seeking information on use of force incidents and complaints related to use of force incidents involving employees of the West Covina Police Department. Staff has undertaken a review of records and below are the answers to your request.

1. Total number of use of force incidents:

2013: No data
2014: No data
2015: No data
2016: 98
2017: 98
2018: 80

Note: Use of force incidents are only retained 2 years from the incident date per California statute. Our department does not have an existing record/document that separates the different types of use of force.

2. Total number of people force was used against:

2013: No data
2014: No data
2015: No data
2016: 98
2017: 98
2018: 80

Note: Use of force incidents are only retained 2 years from the incident date per California statute.

3. Total number of use of force complaints:

2013: 0
2014: 0
2015: 1
2016: 0
2017: 3
2018: 6

Note: Citizen complaints are only retained 5 years from the closure of the investigation per California statute.

4. Total number sustained of use of force complaints:

2013: 0
2014: 0
2015: 0
2016: 0
2017: 0 (1 pending)
2018: 0 (5 pending)

Note: Citizen complaints are only retained 5 years from the closure of the investigation per California statute.

Thank you for your request,
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